

**A MEDICAL TESTING SYSTEM WITH AN ILLUMINATING COMPONENT  
AND AUTOMATIC SHUT-OFF**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5 A medical testing system has an instrument for monitoring a characteristic of a patient and an illuminating component for illuminating the instrument. The instrument includes a component for selectively activating and deactivating the illuminating component and a deactivating component for automatically deactivating the illuminating component, after a predetermined period of time has elapsed.